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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of May 23, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 23, 2006, the present Response being filed on or by the two-month date of July 24, 2006 from the Final Official Action (July 23, 2006 falling on a Sunday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the rejections in the Final Official Action, in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks and the attached Terminal Disclaimer.

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A Terminal Disclaimer is attached hereto.
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